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CONSTRUCTION OF CHUNGKING-CH'ENG-TU RR LINE BEGINS;  
MORE BRIDGES TO BE REBUILT

TO BE COMPLETED IN 1951 -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 15 Jul 50

Construction of a railroad between Chungking and Ch'eng-tu by the newly established Ch'eng-tu Railroad Construction Bureau began on 15 June 1950 after 5 months of planning and preparations.

The Chungking--Ch'eng-tu [or Ch'eng Yu] railroad will be 528.72 kilometers long when completed, and will pass through seven hsien seats and 31 large villages. Distances from Chungking to various large cities on this line are: 66.230 kilometers to Chiang-ching, 164.940 kilometers to Yung-ch'uan, 212.890 kilometers to Jung-ch'ang, 248.350 kilometers to Lung-ch'ang, 282.590 kilometers to Nei-chiang, 383.790 kilometers to Tzu-yang, 423.790 kilometers to Chien-yang, and 528,720 kilometers to Ch'eng-tu.

Construction plans for 1950 include: completion of 125 kilometers from Chungking to Chu-yang-ch'i (located between Chiang-ching and Yung-ch'uan), completion of 45 percent of the work on the line from Chu-yang-ch'i to Nei-chiang, and completion of 10 percent of the work on the line from Nei-chiang to Ch'eng-tu. The entire project is to be completed during 1951.

The entire line will be constructed according to the Central People's government's specifications: standard gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches; 5.5 meters for width of roadbed; and radius of curvature beyond 300 meters. Laying of rails between Chungking and Chu-yang-ch'i will begin on 1 September 1950, with the use of 85-pound rails produced at Chungking's Ta-tu-k'ou Steel Mill. There are 6,000 tons of these rails immediately available to lay line for a distance of 60 kilometers. When this supply is exhausted, the Ta-tu-k'ou Steel Mill will manufacture Russian standard 43.6-kilogram rails from steel ingots received from the An-shan Steel Mill in the Northeast.

The Ministry of Railroads is sending to Chungking ten locomotives and 100 rolling stock, together with steel bridge material for two bridges. The railroad ties are being produced at Ch'eng-tu, Kuan-hsien, Ch'i-chiang, and along the railroad line in Szechwan Province.

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ENGINEER TROOPS REBUILD RR BRIDGES -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 11 Jul 50

Various units of the railroad engineer troops are continuing repairs and rebuilding of railroad bridges on the Lien-yun--Tien-shui, Peiping--Hankow, and Hankow--Canton lines. The completion of these repairs and the rebuilding will assure uninterrupted flow of goods throughout China even during the rainy season.

A unit which has completed rebuilding the largest bridge crossing the Lo Ho, near Lo-yang, on the Lien-yun--Tien-shui line is now completing repairs on four other bridges on the same line.

Another engineer unit which recently completed rebuilding 24 railroad bridges on the Hankow--Canton line is now repairing roadbeds of the lines of the Heng-yang Railroad Control Bureau.

Two units working on the Peiping--Hankow line have also completed several major repair and rebuilding projects and are now engaged in rebuilding one of the famous four bridges crossing the Sha Ho.

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